



Non Commissioned Officers Association NCOA Frequently Asked Questions

The Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA) and Excelsior College have partnered together to offer members and their spouse/domestic partners discounts on tuition and fees. We're committed to providing learners with a flexible and affordable pathway to degree attainment.

Who is Excelsior College?

Excelsior College is a private, nonprofit, accredited, distance learning institution that is a recognized leader in removing obstacles to the educational goals of adult learners. Excelsior offers degrees at the associate, bachelor's and master's levels in business, health sciences, liberal arts, technology, public service and nursing and certificate programs in select subject areas.

Is there a residency requirement?

Students are required to take 7 credits at Excelsior College: Cornerstone, Information Literacy and Capstone. Excelsior's generous transfer policy allows students to transfer in up to 53 of the 60 required credits for an associate degree and 113 of the 120 required credits for a bachelor's degree. Start with more credit.

Do you accept transfer credit into master's degree programs?

Yes! Depending on the program and its requirements, you can transfer in up to 15 credits of graduate level credit.

Do you offer additional discounts to NCOA Members?

Through the NCOA and Excelsior partnership, you are eligible to receive up to 20% off tuition rates.

What is a second-degree policy?

When using credits from a previously earned degree, students can transfer in 75% of the credits used to earn their previous degree into their new degree. New credits that a student would be required to take is 15 credits for an associate degree and 30 credits for a bachelor's degree.

Do you offer scholarships for Veterans?

In addition to the Partnership Scholarship Program, Excelsior College offers a variety of scholarships for students. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid Form (FAFSA) to be considered for an Excelsior College Scholarship. Excelsior's school code is 014251.

What additional fees are there for the master's degree programs?

Tuition rate is an all-inclusive rate that does not include any additional fees. Not even a graduation fee! Please note, this does not include books and materials.

Where can I find additional information on educational benefits and scholarships for Veterans?

The Lt. Col. Bryant A. Murray Veterans Center is a great resource for all of our service members that not only includes financial support such as scholarships but transition, health and wellness and career development resources too. On the "Affording College" tab, there is a recorded webinar by Amy DeSpirito and Elissa Schwarz discussing how to access and maximize your military benefits. The "Maximize Your Military and Benefits" webinar is held live every quarter, be sure to check out Excelsior's events page for all upcoming webinars, excelsior.edu/events.

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